



YOUTH PARLIAMENT INFO PACK

HARTLEPOOL 2024-2026



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WHAT IS IN THIS PACK?

Thank you for taking an interest in potentially becoming the next Member of Youth Parliament for Hartlepool! This pack should give you all the information you need and answer any questions you may have about the process of becoming a Member of Youth Parliament.

You will find an application form and consent form, should you wish to apply. If you do wish to apply you will need a reference to support your application; this could be a teacher, youth worker or family friend although please be aware these people must only support one nomination.

Once you have decided to apply you can come along to a briefing evening at Throston Youth Centre (Wiltshire Way, Hartlepool, TS26 9PX) to learn more about the role of a Member of Youth Parliament and ask any questions you might have.

You can find out more information about Youth Parliament here;
<https://www.byc.org.uk/uk/uk-youth-parliament>

We look forwards to receiving your application!

WHAT IS UK YOUTH PARLIAMENT?

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The UK Youth Parliament (UKYP) is run by young people for young people and enables 11-18-year-olds the opportunity to speak about issues they are passionate about and to bring about social change.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A MEMBER?

- A Member of Youth Parliament (MYP) consults with other young people in their constituency – in your case, Hartlepool – and is there to represent their views
- You will have the opportunity to be involved in a range of campaigns, projects and events
- You will attend weekly local meetings at Rossmere Youth Centre
- You will meet up with other regional MYP's at YouthCon events in the North East
- You will act on the results of Make Your Mark consultations*
- You will attend the Annual Youth Parliament conference
- You will have the opportunity to visit the House of Commons

**The Make Your Mark consultations will be held in February 2024, the same time as the elections. The consultations give young people the chance to decide which issues are the most important to them. These are national priorities and are some of the issues that you will focus on during your term.*

MYP'S ARE POLITICALLY NEUTRAL – THIS IS AN ISSUE-BASED ROLE!



WHAT IT'S LIKE BEING A MYP?

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“I’m Georgia Robson and I’ve been MYP for almost 2 years. The role requires a lot of responsibility and confidence, as well as kindness and a passion for helping other young people.

As part of my role, I’ve attended several youth groups as well as volunteered with the Youth Service. It’s a lot of work but it’s also a lot of fun, don’t be scared you’ll always have the Youth Service, other MYPs and members of the British Youth Council there to help you out.

There are amazing opportunities like attending the Annual Youth Conferences, where you’re able to meet MYPs from around the UK as well as debate in the actual House of Commons. During my term, I’ve gained many skills, like research, debating and my overall confidence.

It’s an amazing opportunity that I would encourage anyone to do. So have a go and apply - I wish you all the very best of luck and I hope I’ll be able to hand my title over to a brilliant and talented young person.”



WHAT WILL BE EXPECTED OF ME?

- A Member of Youth Parliament term last for 2 years
- The term will run from March 2024 – March 2026
- You will be expected to commit between 2-5 hours a week. Please bare this in mind if you will be entering GCSE or A level years. Meetings will usually take place outside of school or college hours. This is totally flexible, if you need a couple of weeks break to focus on exams- totally fine!
- You will be supported in your role as MYP for Hartlepool by a youth worker. They will accompany you to meetings and help ensure you can make your time as an MYP a success
- You will also have regular online meetings with British Youth Council staff and other MYP's from the North East

WHO CAN APPLY?

Candidates must:

- Be aged 11-18 on their first day in office
- Live, work or volunteer for a minimum of 14 hours per week or be in education for a minimum of 12 hours per week in the constituency in which they stand for election
- You cannot stand in more than one constituency in the same year's election

WHAT SKILLS DO I NEED?

Ideally candidates will be:

- Interested in forming opinions on topical issues
- Able to listen to and respect the views of their peer group
- Take their responsibility seriously
- Not be afraid to speak their mind



WHAT SKILLS WILL I DEVELOP?

- Communication
- Public speaking
- Develop your knowledge of politics and current affairs
- The ability to look at issues from someone else's perspective
- Debating
- Teamwork
- Leadership
- Organisation

HOW DO I BECOME A MYP?

By filling in the forms in this pack!

You can then come along to a briefing evening at Throston Youth Project if you have any questions. You will need to submit a written manifesto, a photo and a video manifesto (the video is up to you).

You will need to write a manifesto which sets out what you think the main issues are facing young people and what you would like to do about them. You can also film your own video. You will need to have your written and filmed manifestos sent to us by December.

When the campaign period begins, your manifesto will be published and an election will take place in schools where young people will have the opportunity to vote for who they would like to see represent them.



KEY DATES & TIME FRAME

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DATES	ACTIONS
2nd October 2023	Information packs sent to schools to promote / schools told about dates for election
6th November 2023, 4:30pm - 6:30pm	Briefing evening for candidates at Rossmere Youth Centre. Informal drop-in session to find out more about the role or if you have any questions
10th December 2023	All nominations, including photographs and manifestos, to be completed and submitted
10th December 2023, 12:00pm	Nominations close
1st January 2024	Campaign period begins. Statement of nominations and manifestos published. Young people asked to submit a written manifesto and a short video to be uploaded to YS YouTube and shared to schools and youth groups via QR code
15th February 2024	Ballot boxes and paperwork delivered to schools
(Half term 19th Feb) Voting 26th February until 7th March 2024	Voting period begins in schools
8th March 2024	Ballots collected from schools
8th March 2024 Results submitted to BYC 21st March 2024 Official announcements	Elections count and announcement

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM

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For Election as a Member of the United Kingdom Youth Parliament to represent Young People in Hartlepool.

- Candidates MUST be aged between 11 and 18 years of age and candidates under the age of 18 must gain parent/guardians consent to participate in the elections
- FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE UK YOUTH PARLIAMENT VISIT:-
<https://www.byc.org.uk/uk/uk-youth-parliament>

Forename:		Surname:	
Date of Birth:		Age:	
Contact No.:		Gender:	
Address:			
Postcode:			
Email:			
School/college currently attending:			

Do you consider yourself to have a special educational need and/or disability? (Please tick one):	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
If the answer is yes, please give us further information:	

By signing this form, you formally declare that you: Wish to be nominated for election as a member of the UK Youth Parliament Have read and agreed to the terms and conditions of the election			
Print name:			
Signature:		Date:	

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM

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Reference to support your nomination (Teacher, Youth Worker etc.)	
Name:	
Contact details:	
Relationship to candidate:	
Signature:	
Print name:	
Signature:	

Please write below what you would like people to know about you and the issues that are important to you. (No more than 200 words)

Hartlepool Borough Council reserve the right to delete anything considered to be offensive, inappropriate, or overtly party political.

This doesn't have to be your final manifesto – you will have the chance to make any changes and submit a final draft along with photos or video by 1st December.

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PHOTOGRAPHY, FILMING & PUBLICITY CONSENT FORM

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Please complete this form to give consent for us to take images, moving footage, audio and comments to then be stored and used.

This form covers consent for use of the above for internal and external communication and storage of the data within this form. All data (images, film, comments, personal info on this form), will be stored by Hartlepool Borough Council.

The data may be shared with third-party organisations in order to fulfil the communication work necessary (for example providing images to design/print agencies).

SECTION A: ABOUT YOU

Full name:	
Address:	
Contact No.:	
Email:	

SECTION B: ABOUT THE EVENT, PROJECT OR CAMPAIGN

Description of event, project or campaign:	
Location:	
Date:	



PHOTOGRAPHY, FILMING & PUBLICITY CONSENT FORM

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SECTION C: YOUR CONSENT

I give consent to Hartlepool Borough Council to publish, republish, or otherwise transmit still and moving images, audio and my name for the purposes of:

- ☐ Publicity and promotional materials, including advertising material and printed publications
- ☐ Presentation and exhibition materials
- ☐ Websites, social media channels and digital communications materials, including advertising material and printed publications
- ☐ News media and their associated websites, social media channels, print publications, television, and radio

I understand the Council will keep all its images in accordance with data protection law and delete the images that have not been used for any publicity or marketing after two years. I also understand that the still/moving images/audio used for publicity or marketing purposes are in the public domain and therefore could potentially be reproduced, altered, or re-used by people outside of Hartlepool Borough Council's control. I know I have the right to withdraw consent at any time by emailing **communications@hartlepool.gov.uk** or by calling **01429 523578**, but understand that withdrawing consent may not affect the material that has already been used.

SECTION D: YOUR SIGNATURE

Signature of candidate:	
Print name:	
Date:	

**SECTION E: SIGNING ON BEHALF OF A PERSON AGED
UNDER 16**

I am the parent/guardian (delete as appropriate) of the person identified in Section A and in the photograph(s), filming and/or recording. I understand the above request and give informed consent for this person's image/data to be used.

Signature of parent/guardian:	
Print name:	
Date:	

**PLEASE RETURN THE ABOVE FORMS TO
rachael.garlick@hartlepool.gov.uk**

**ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR NOMINATION
PLEASE CONTACT RACHAEL GARLICK ON
rachael.garlick@hartlepool.gov.uk**



YOUTH VOICE

**EVERY MONDAY AT ROSSMERE YOUTH CENTRE
4:30PM - 6:00PM**

**A group open to all young people aged 13-19
who would like to be active in their
community and have their voice heard.**



MANIFESTO WRITING TIPS

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- Be concise and use clear language. Avoid long, complicated words - you won't win awards for being clever and you might just alienate important voters
- Set out your previous experience and how this will help you if you got elected
- Set out your goals for your time in office and ensure they are realistic and achievable
- Talk about your skills that would indicate to voters your suitability for the role
- It doesn't have to be long - in fact it shouldn't be. Short and sweet works best
- Be creative and inspiring

Once you have drafted your manifesto, feel free to run it past us if you would like some feedback.

GOOD LUCK!

WHEN IT COMES TO MAKING A VIDEO...

Please think of your privacy- you might want to make a video in a neutral space rather than your bedroom!

Only submit a video if you want to- this will be shared on social media and with schools.

